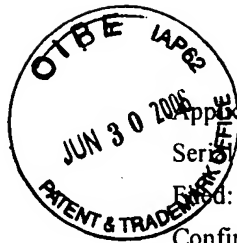


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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a Search Report mailed April 6, 2006 for the corresponding EP application (copy enclosed). Please note that U.S. 5,865,791 was already cited in a previous Information Disclosure Statement.

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